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## Mountaineer surveys

This week, a readership survey is included with your copy of the Mountaineer. We ask that you complete it and return it to us so we can better serve you. You can return the survey by distribution to the Mountaineer or drop it off at one of the following drop boxes: The Mountaineer Office, Room 136, building 1430 (post headquar-

# Commander s

Riggs

## "Get the message. Buckle up. It's the law."

Seat belts

Everyone should be getting tired by now of hearing and reading about the need to use seat belts

Quite frankly, I m getting tired of talking about them.

But, we are all even more tired of losing valuable members of the Mountain Post Te a m in auto accidents, in which seat belts aren t being worn.

There was an article in a local newspaper a few days after the Memorial Day holiday, which stated that motorists are driving smarter and safer. This year s Colorado holiday road fatalities count was less than half that of last year, the newspaper reported. That s good; however, four of the five people who died in car accidents in Colorado over Memorial Day weekend were not wearing seat belts

According to the article, a National Safety Council spokesman said that only two out of three people nationally use seat belts

During a five-day Do the Twist It s the Law seat belt enforcement campaign in Colorado in April, 5,700 Colorado drivers were ticketed for seat belt violations. During the past 12 months, 27,261 drivers have received tickets for seat belt violations.

Clearly, many Colorado residents are disregarding the Colorado law that requires drivers, front seat passengers and children ages 4 to 15 wear seat belts. Children under age 4 must ride in car seats

Many soldiers are ignoring the fact that seat belts must be worn on Fort Carson.

A few months ago in a nearby community, a two-year old child fell out of an automobile traveling less than five miles per hour. The child wasn t belted nor in a car seat. The child was run over by the car, and died of his injuries. The car was barely moving but the seat belt would have prevented the tragedy.

During Memorial Day weekend, two members of the Mountain Post team died in an out-of-state automobile accident. They weren t wearing seat belts

A few days ago a local citizen lost control of his truck on a mountain road. He was thrown from his vehicle and struck by his own truck. He died at the scene. He wasn t wearing a seat belt.

There are many more examples which could be related here, if space allowed.

Studies have proven that drivers and passengers stand a better chance of survival and escaping serious injury if belted.

W e know that. We ve been told by television commercials, radio announcements, safety experts and lawmakers. We ve been told to wear our seat belts by our parents, supervisors and commanders.

Yet, some people don t get the message.

A 1995 study by the National Traffic Safety Administration found that in fatal car accidents, 74 percent of people ejected from the wreckage were killed.

I hope to never see another report crossing my desk, telling me more soldiers died in automobile accidents. I don t want to send another officer to knock on someone s door in the middle of the night, bearing bad news.

I m tired of talking about seat belts. I m tired of losing good soldiers. Don t let it be you we read about in the paper.

Get the message. Buckle up.

It s the law!

## Sound Off!

**Why do think wearing seatbelts is important?**

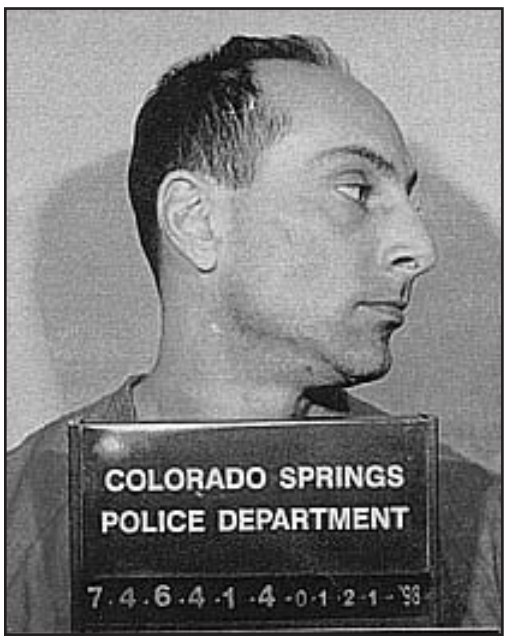
Spc. Eric Nitzel
USAG
Seatbelts are instrumental in saving your life.

Spc. Sharjuan Rone
USAG
I have a child, and, if I don t wear my seat belt, I can t

Spc. John Cambell
USAG
It saves lives. It s a must.

Pfc. William Gill
USAG
For safety. Too many people are getting killed by not wearing them.

# *Authorities search for convicted military prisoner*



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Civilian and military authorities are still searching for a soldier who overpowered and disarmed his military police guard while being taken to Evans Army Community Hospital Monday.

Armand Andreozzi, an aircraft mechanic, was convicted by an Army court-martial board of rape, forcible assault, kidnapping, burglary, assault and soliciting other prisoners to help him try to escape, according to Maj. Greg Julian, Fort Carson Public Affairs Officer.

Andreozzi was sentenced Saturday to 27 years in prison, reduced to the rank of private and given a dishonorable discharge.

Julian said Andreozzi was being taken in shackles to EACH and forced the officer at gunpoint to drive him to Hollyhock Street, where Andreozzi ran from the vehicle. The military police officer was not injured.

Anyone with information on the whereabouts of

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# Soldiers' Memorial Chapel begins reconstruction

by Socorro A. Spooner
Mountaineer staff

Soldiers Memorial Chapel is under going the first phase of the reconstruction phase since a fire in early January, nearly destroyed the entire structure .

The six-phase restructuring process is expected to take six months if there are no setbacks, according to Chap. (Capt.) Kevin Cavanaugh, SMC chaplain.

The first phase was a complete power washing of the walls and ceiling within the chapel, he said.

Although this had already been done, there is still soot left on the walls that must be recleaned.

The following phase will be the replacement of the structural beams and roof that were damaged, said Cavanaugh.

While the actual structure is being repaired, the Installation Chaplain s Office is trying to replace the items destroyed or damaged in the fire through donations and money allotted by the Army.

One of the setbacks is the staff can t order the items it needs until money is available. The staff is trying to replace a grand piano, pipe organ, bibles, books, pulpit and other religious statues and items, said Cavanaugh. The pews are so damaged it s still unknown if they are salvageable, he said.

Many items were destroyed in the fire, because we had left everything ready for the Sunday morning services, said Chap. (Capt.) David Cooper.

The pews furthest from the fire had the seat cushions melted to them because of the extreme heat, said Cavanaugh. The stained glass must be cleaned and restored.

Despite the condition of the chapel, the congregation is in good spirits, said Cooper.

They are anxious to know when it ll be back because, they want to go back to their chapel, Cavanaugh said.

Currently the congregation is holding services at McMahon theater. It s so big that it doesn t feel like there are many parishioners at services, said Cooper. Some members of the congregation have decided to go elsewhere to worship until SMC is back in service, he said.

People who would like to give donations to SMC should come to the chapel or send donations to: Installations Chaplain s Office

**Two workers from STI contractors work on the roof at Soldiers' Memorial Chapel.**

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# Mountain Post Team MVP

## Mountain Post Team's fathers

This week s Mountain Post Team MVPs are the fathers of Fort Carson.

Whether soldiers, civilians, retirees or family members, the fathers of the Fort Carson community play an important part in shaping the lives of the children in the community.

Sunday is Father s Day. Whether you think you Dad is a super soldier out saving the world, or you just like the way he can always fix your bike, be sure to tell him how you feel about him.

To all of the fathers of Fort

This feature in the Mountaineer will spotlight a soldier, Department of the Army civilian, retiree, family member or volunteer each week for an outstanding act or performance. We need nominations to run this feature every week. Each week, the MVP will be selected from nominations from the Fort Carson community. Nominations should include the person s full name, rank or title, what they did that resulted in the nomination and a phone number where they can be reached. The deadline for nominations is 3 p.m. Thursday for the following week s Mountaineer. Nominations can be faxed to 526-1021 or mailed to:

Mountaineer
Public Affairs Office, Building 1430
Fort Carson, CO 80913-5000.
For more information, call 526-4144.

# Community

## Harmony in Motion looking for members

by Nel Lampe
Mountaineer staff

What s an Army post without patriotic music at ceremonies? Fort Carson s music was silenced with the of Fort Carson s band a few years ago.

To fill that void, in the fall of 1996, then Commanding General Maj. Gen. John M. Pickler and Command Sgt. Major Ruben A. Blackmon appointed Pfc. Gary Mallory to organize and direct a vocal group, designed to provide appropriate music for post ceremonies and special events..

Basically an a cappella group, Harmony in Motion has expanded its venue to include rhythm and blues, country, pop, old-time rock and show tunes. Sometimes recorded accompaniment is used.

Harmony in Motion has performed for a boys home, retirement homes, a Thanksgiving feast for the homeless, at a Sky Sox baseball game and for the Rockies baseball team.

Currently the group has 15 members, and according to Staff Sgt. Marquis Williams, non commissioned officer in charge and the director, the group is always looking for members. Especially needed are female voices, Williams said.

Williams is with the U.S. Army Replacement Detachment as a medical out-processing NCOIC.

He said supervisors of the soldier members of Harmony in Motion, allow them, mission permitting, to participate in the ceremonies and events which happen during duty hours.

General (John M.) Riggs and Command Sergeant Major (George D.) Ponder are very supportive, Williams said.

Potential members are urged to attend one of the rehearsals, held Tuesday and Thursday evenings at Provider Chapel, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

There s not an actual audition if you fit in, you get in, said Williams. He added that members must be able to hold a note.

A lot of the members are people who grew up singing in churches or have a musical background. For instance, Williams played and sang in a church.

Harmony member Staff Sgt. Steve Carson has his own six-piece band which plays mostly rhythm and blues and jazz.

Photo by Nel Lampe

**Harmony in Motion members learn a new song during a rehearsal at Provider Chapel.**

Specialist Gary Brooks, Headquarters, Headquarters Detachment, 4th Personnel Services Support Battalion, was a music education major, and previously was in an Army Reserve Band. He got involved with Harmony in Motion because it s the only music on post, he said.

Singing is my passion, said Harmony member Pfc. Jeremiah Hartshorn, 84th Medical Detachment. Hartshorn sang in high school.

Specialist Ulysses Hicks, 4th Finance Battalion, ran into a member of Harmony in Motion at a Karaoke night, and was recruited for the vocal group. His singing experience is from his undergraduate days and in church.

Singing for a two-day symposium in Vail was one of the highlights for Harmony in Motion, Williams said. The organizers of the small computer group symposium had heard about us and made arrangements for the group to perform. The organizers had hired a band to perform as well.

Harmony in Motion was well received, Williams said. Some of the attendees said it was the best entertainment they d ever had.

Sometimes audiences are taken aback to see the group is composed of soldiers. People are surprised to see us appear in uniform, Williams said. It gives us the opportunity to not only make ourselves look good, but the Army and Fort Carson as well.

Williams said Harmony in Motion has performed nearly 100 times during the past year, both on and off post. The group is looking forward to upcoming performances, such as the Army Ball at the Broadmoor later this month, and perhaps a Denver Bronco game later this year.

# Springspree fun, free

Springspree Committee

Springspree 1998 takes over downtown Colorado Springs June 20 for the 20th year, with fun runs, bed races, duck races, a mini Grand Prix, food, entertainers and music.

This year, stages will be set up at Colorado Springs Music, Acacia Park, Pioneer Museum Gazebo, Judicial Plaza, Downtown Inc s Beer Garden, and at the corners of Pikes Peak and Tejon and Colorado and Tejon. Stages will feature a variety of music and entertainment, from early morning until 8 p.m.

Events begins at 7 a.m. with the Sailin Shoe s Run-For-Fun which starts at Tejon and Platte. Other activities kick off at 9 a.m. and continue non-stop through 8 p.m. Springspree activities are located along Tejon Street from Boulder south to Cucharras.

The annual Bed Race parade is at 9:30 a.m., on Colorado Avenue from Cascade to Nevada Streets. The Bed Race follows at 10 a.m.

From 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., an attempt to build the world s largest energy bar will take place, with samples given away afterward.

Laser light shows will be at 1, 4, and 8 p.m., in the city auditorium.

The annual rubber duck race is at 2:30 p.m.

Children s activities are featured throughout the day, including face painting, mini-golf, pony rides, toys, games and more.

Springspree organizers are

Courtesy photo

## Discover

**The annual Renaissance Festival at Larkspur, Colo. is open weekends only until Aug. 2, from 10 a.m. until 6:30 p.m., rain or shine. Leave the pets at home, but bring the kids. Children under 5 years of age are free, and those 5 - 12 are $6. Everyone older than 12 pays $12.95, or pick up discount tickets at Information, Tours and Travel for $10.95.**

# Quality & Reinvention Team looks for ideas from community

Quality & Reinvention Team

Members of our community have long known the Mountain Post is the best of the best. It was recently confirmed when the Mountain Post Team received the Army Communities of Excellence in Chief s Award and the Chief of Staff, Army Overall Winner Award. In addition to two trophies and flags, Fort Carson will receive $500,000 in fiscal year 1999.

While there are many ways to spend the money, we want to use it in a way that improves quality of life for the entire Mountain Post Community. Let your voice be heard. Give us your ideas on how we can spend the money and benefit the most members of our community soldiers, families, and employees by improving their quality of life.

**"...a great place for families to grow"**

Submit your suggestion in writing to the Quality & Reinvention Team, building 1430, Wetzel Avenue, Room 140, Fort Carson, CO 80913; fax 526-3402. Please be

## Suggestion for $500,000 Army Communities of Excellence Award Money

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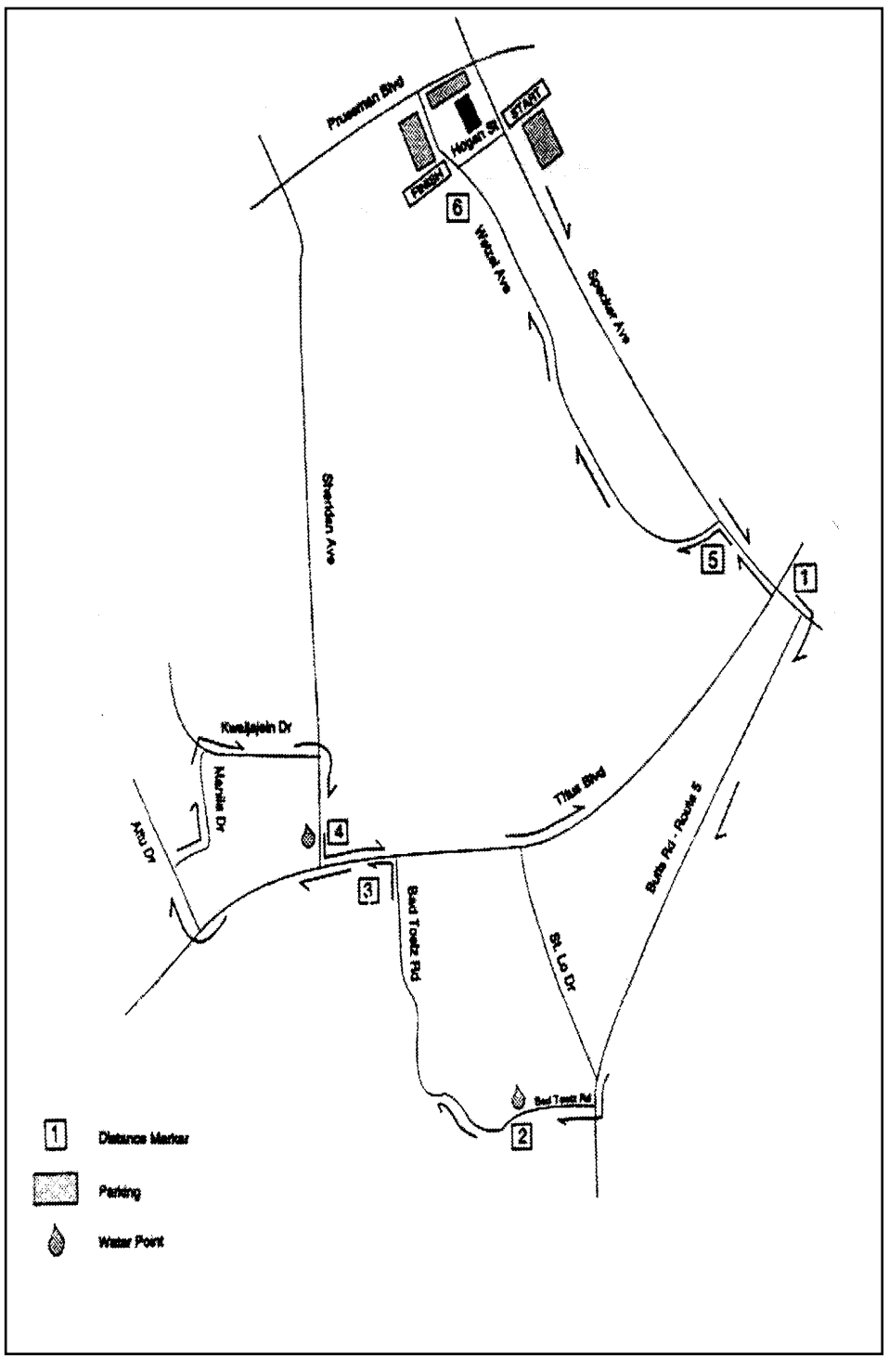
**The Family Day Egg Toss was a popular event in last year's Kit Carson Community Festival. Family Day this year is July 3.**

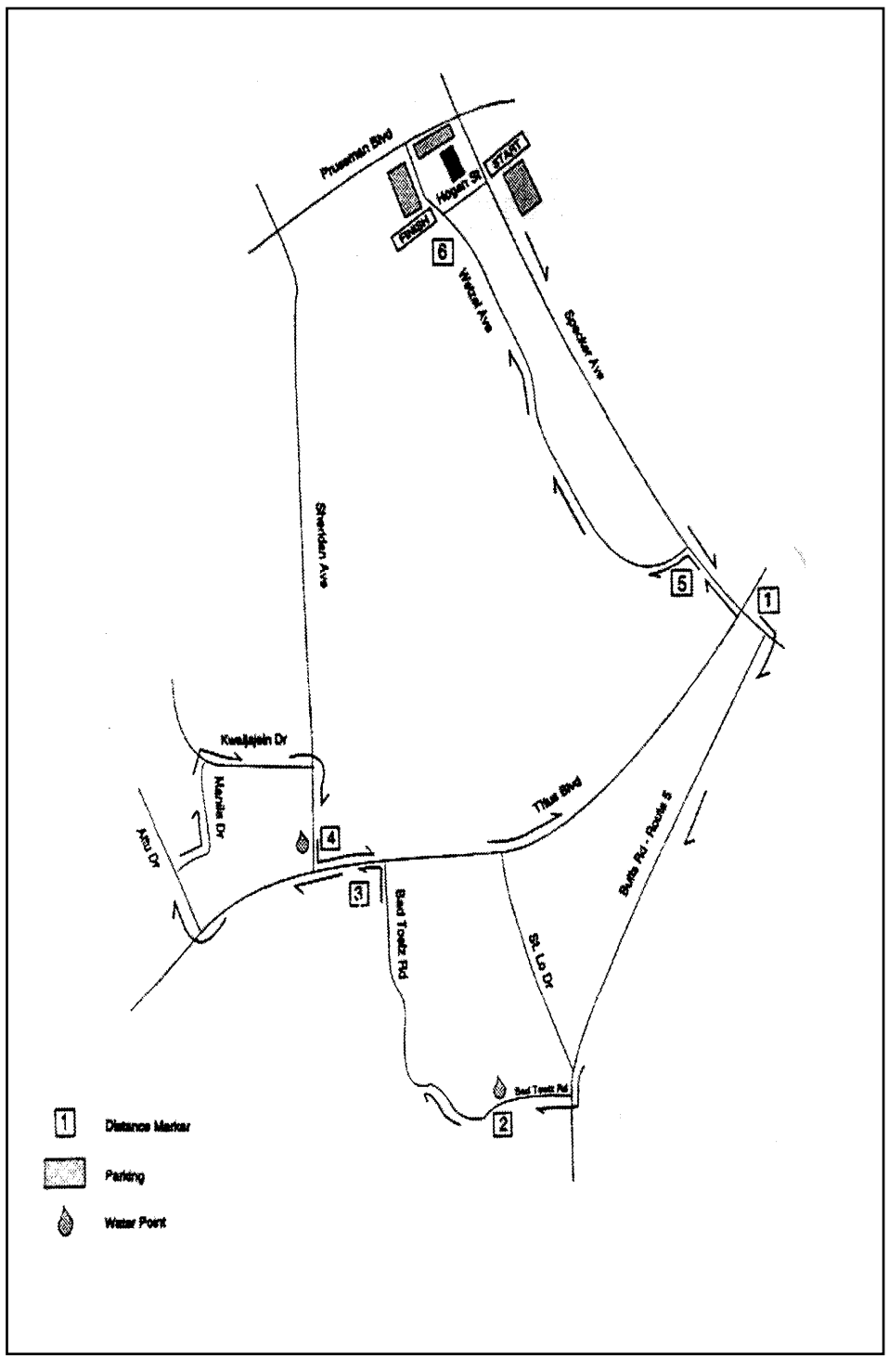
## Festival offers something for everyone

Festivities for Retiree Appreciation Days and the Kit Carson Community Festival begin June 26. Following are some highlights

Kit Carson Community Festival unit pre-registration ends today. Units can register at the Post Physical Fitness Center from 1 to 4 p.m. today. Events units will compete in include: Softball, football, basketball and racquetball.

The Army Birthday Ball will be held June 27 at 6 p.m. at the Broadmoor. Dress is formal/business suit for civilians and mess dress, dress blues or class A with bow tie for military. Contact unit adjutants



# Soldier Show marks 15th anniversary

U.S. Army Community and
Family Support Center

The Soldier s Show is one of the best musical variety shows around. It features talented entertainers who are also soldiers. The soldiers must have an outstanding record in their units and also demonstrate musicality, movement, stage presence, versatility and talent.

Soldiers send in a video tape, and potential cast members then attend tryouts. Finally, cast members are selected, and the work of rehearsal begins, before show hits the road for a six-month tour, which takes them to Army installations throughout Europe and the United States.

The modern U.S. Army Soldier Show marks its 15th anniversary this year. It is an outgrowth of several soldier shows which existed in various Army commands, using soldier talent. The U.S. Army Soldier Show uses soldier talented selected from world wide competition.

Courtesy photo

**Sergeant First Class Cynthia Carter, Headquarters, Headquarters Company, is a featured performer in this year's soldier show.**

The first Army Soldier Show was conceived and directed by Sgt. Irving Berlin in World War I. Entertainment for the soldier, by the soldier, was Berlin s philosophy. The show appeared on Broadway in 1918.

The Army Soldier Show was reincarnated during World War II, called This is the Army. It was written directed and produced by Irving Berlin.

Today s Soldier Show has audio and lighting technicians chosen by theater experience and training, recommendations and military record. Cast members work with a civilian artistic staff which includes nationally renowned New York-based composer and music arranger Dennis Buck (a Soldier Show alumnus) and Broadway choreographer Ken Robeson.

In addition to learning choreography, cast members learn more than 50 songs, ranging from current country, Rythm and Blues, rap, rock, movie themes, oldies, Broadway tunes and patriotic songs.

The Soldier Show is operated as a deployed military detachment under the leadership of the Army Entertainment first sergeant. Officers and noncommissioned officers in the cast and crew undertake specific military duties and responsibilities within the show tiself. Rank is not an issue on stage.

On the road, soldiers work an average 14-hour day, seven days a week for nearly six months. They travel nearly 30,000 miles by tour bus and 16,000 miles by air. They off load, set-up and dismantle approximately 20 tons of equipment at each stop on the tour.

Five military drivers rotate shifts driving a 44-passenger bus and an 18-wheel tractor-trailer to transport personnel, a fully self-contained stage, and state-other-art audio and lighting systems.

The Soldier Show is not funded with tax-

**Last year's Soldier Show drew large crowds to three performances**

**Pull info from 1997 story (book from Jan-Jun)**

# Soldiers take part in wild west show

by Nel Lampe
Mountaineer staff

Annie Oakley and Sitting Bull were the stars of Buffalo Bill s Wild W est Show around the turn of the century. The Show of the Great American West, being held Saturday at the Wild Horse Ranch, next to Turkey Creek recreation area, is the same kind of show.

Organizer Mike Hatfield says the show is the biggest wild west show ever to come to the Colorado Springs area.

Nearly four hours long, the show covers life on the frontier, including American Indian customs and horsemanship. Mountain men, living and surviving in the wilderness are portrayed. Wagon trains of pioneer men and women, cowboys driving cattle, notorious outlaws, stagecoaches, Pony Express riders, and women of the west are all part of the show.

Two Fort Carson soldiers are members of The Show of the Great American West.

Specialist Bryan Barber portrays Morgan Earp, one of Wyatt s brothers. Barber said that the section of the show covering Wyatt Earp is based on real life incidents in his life, as reported by his wife, Josephine Sarah Marcus Earp. The stories were collected by Glenn G. Boyer in the book I Married Wyatt Earp. Barber said he thinks the most exciting part of the show is about the Earps.

Barber said there is a scene in the show of the showdown between W yatt, Virgil and Morgan Earp and their friend Doc Holiday and their enemies, which is reminiscent of the movie Tombstone.

Barber, who is assigned to MEDAC, met the show s organizer in an acting class. When Mike asked me to be in the show, I jumped at the chance, he said.

Barber said a lot of reenactment groups are used in the show, and rehearsals have been underway for about two months.

Sergeant David Brown, of 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, 1st Squadron, Air Defense Artillery Battery, is also in the show. Brown plays an outlaw in one part of the show and also has a role as a commanchero.

After all these years of fighting bad guys, maybe I learned something about being a bad guy, Brown said.

Brown is a member of a reenactment group called Thunder and Iron Western Show.

The Show of the Great American West is an excellent show, Brown said.

Following the performance, audience members may visit the camps and villages set up near the arena.

The Show of the Great American West begins at 2 p.m., at the Wild Horse Ranch, 10 miles south of Fort Carson on Highway 115. Tickets are available at all Ticketmaster Ticket Centers, and can be charged by phone at 520-9090. Tickets are also available at the door. Admission is $18 for adults and $12 for children under 12. Military members tickets are $14. If accompanied by three paying customers, active duty soldiers with id will be admitted free. Children under 16 must be accompanied

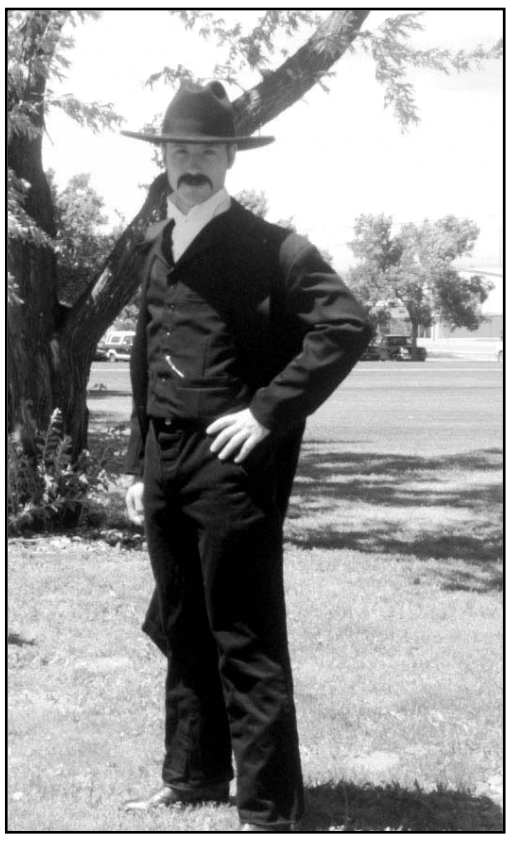


Photo by Pfc. Socorro A. Spooner

**Specialist Bryan Barber portrays one of the Earp brothers in "The Show of the Great American West."**

# Chapel

Soldiers Memorial Chapel Protestant Congregation Father s Day Picnic. Join the Protestant Congregation for a celebration of Fathers on Sunday at 12:15 p.m. immediately following the Protestant worship service at McMahon Auditorium.

An account has been established to receive donations toward the replacement of sanctuary furnishings destroyed during the January fire at Soldiers Memorial Chapel. Send checks or money orders to that chapel or the Installation Chaplain s Office.

There is a new liturgical worship Sundays at 10:30 a.m. at Provider Chapel. Those who have traditions such as Lutheran, Episcopal, Presbyterian and Methodist may be interested in this new service. Call Chaplain Brock at 526-1473 for more information.

God s Kids Pray is the 1998 Vacation Bible School experience. Vacation Bible School will be conducted Monday through June 27 at Soldiers Memorial Chapel. Classes for adults and children will be conducted from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Dinner will be provided each evening. The bible school will culminate in a family Cultural Heritage Day June 27. To register, contact your chaplain or call Dennis Scheck at 526-5626. Registration will continue through Sunday.

# Chapel Schedule

**ROMAN CATHOLIC**

| Chapel | Service | Day | Time | Location | Contact Person |
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| Healer | Mass | Sunday | 11 a.m. | Evans Army Hospital | Fr. Gagliardo/526-7386 |
| Healer | Mass | M-W-F | 11:45 a.m. | Evans Army Hospital | Fr. Gagliardo/526-7386 |
| Provider | Mass | Sunday | 12:15 p.m. | Barkeley & Ellis | Chap. Cavanaugh/526-5769 |
| Soldiers | CCD | Sunday | 10:45 a.m. | Nelson & Martinez | Ms. Feldman/526-0478 |
| McMahon | Mass | Sunday | 9:30 a.m. | Bldg. 1517 | Chap. Cavanaugh/526-5769 |
| Veterans | Mass | Sunday | 8 a.m. | Magrath & Titus | Chap. Cavanaugh/526-5769 |

Changes in worship services due to the fire at Soldiers Memorial Chapel are denoted in bold type.

**LITURGICAL**

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| Provider | Liturgical | Sunday | 10:30 a.m. | Barkeley & Ellis | Chap. Brock/526-1473 |

**PROTESTANT**

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| Healer | Protestant | Sunday | 9 a.m. | Evans Army Hospital | Chap. Tarvin/526-7387 |
| Prussman | Prot/Samoan | Sunday | 9 a.m. | Barkeley & Ellis | Rev. P.S. Taito/572-6879 |
| Provider | Sun. School | Sunday | 10:15 a.m. | Barkeley & Ellis | Chap. Duvall/526-4416 |
| Provider | Protestant | Sunday | 9 a.m. | Barkeley & Ellis | Chap. Stephen/526-4416 |
| Prussman | Sun. School | Sunday | 9:30 a.m. | Barkeley & Prussman | Chap. Giles/526-4206 |
| Prussman | Prot./Gospel | Sunday | 11 a.m. | Barkeley & Prussman | Chap. Giles/526-4206 |
| Soldiers | Sun. School | Sunday | 9:30 a.m. | Nelson & Martinez | Dr. Scheck/526-5626 |
| McMahon | Protestant | Sunday | 11 a.m. | Bldg. 1517 | Chap. Cooper/526-8011 |
| Veterans | Protestant | Sunday | 9:30 a.m. | Magrath & Titus | Chap. J. Hartranft/524-1822 |
| Veterans | Protestant | Sunday | 11 a.m. | Magrath & Titus | Chap. Simo/526-8890 |

For additional information contact the Installation Chaplain s Office, Bldg. 6227, at 526-5209. For information and a schedule of Jewish Sabbath services, call the U.S. Air Force Academy Cadet Chapel at 333-2636. Normally, free child care is available for infants and preschool age children during on-post worship services. Some worship services offer a children s church for ages 6 to 12.

## Daily Bible Readings

In order to assist in regular scripture reading, the following scriptures are recommended. These are part of the common daily lectionary which is designed to present the entire Bible over a three-year cycle.

Saturday, Psalms 18 & Judges 19-21
Sunday, Psalms 19 & Ruth
Monday, Psalms 20 & Samuel 1-3
Tuesday, Psalms 21 & Samuel4-6
Wednesday, Psalms 22 & Samuel 7-9
Thursday, Psalms 23 & Samuel 10-12

# Chaplain s

by Chap. (Maj) Michael Tarvin
Medical Department

A young man s wife died suddenly leaving him with a small son. Returning from the cemetery they ate and shortly after went to bed. Both were lying there in the darkness--brokenhearted, grief-stricken, numb with sorrow.

Then, from the stillness: Daddy, I want m o m m y. His father tried to get him to sleep but nothing worked. Eventually, he took his son to his own bed. The boy was still restless, asking probing, heartbreaking questions and the dad had no answers.

Finally, the boy reached out in the darkness and placed his hands on his dad s face, asking, Daddy is face toward me?

Assured by his father s words and by his touch that his father s face was indeed toward him the boy said, If your face is toward me, I think I can go to sleep. And in a little while he was quiet.

The father lay there in darkness and in childlike faith, lifted up his own needy heart to his father in heaven. He prayed something like this; O God, the way is dark and I confess that I do not see my way through it right now. But if your face is toward me, somehow I think I can make it.

This Father s Day I want to encourage you to be the type of father or mother that has a face that is turned toward your children and those you love. Even more, I want to assure you that even if you never had a parent that was supportive and there for you, God is. The grieving father in the story who prayed that

# Soldiers play major role in range readiness

by Pfc. Socorro A. Spooner
Mountaineer staff

Thousands of soldiers each year go out to firing ranges to qualify with their weapons. They go through the same motions of getting a briefing, refamiliarization with their weapon, zeroing and then qualifying. They do this every year without thinking twice about it, but one thing they may not think about is who keeps up the firing ranges throughout the year.

W ell, the answer may surprise most because, it s the same soldiers who use these ranges for training, according to Master Sgt. Joseph Totten, noncommissioned officer in charge, G3 range division. Different soldiers are responsible for upkeeping the range. The detail is assigned to the unit on red cycle, said Totten.

We ve had soldiers from just about every unit on post help maintain the ranges, said Totten.

**"...a great place for soldiers to soldier"**

These soldiers are a value in fixing and maintaining the ranges.

Most recently, soldiers from the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment helped in completely rebuilding Range 5, pistol qualification range. The one-and-half-month process began with the complete tearing down of the range and then rebuilding the 10-lane range from the bottom up.

The six-soldier detail, which included one NCO, dug holes, placed old rail tracks around the firing berms, put together the firing mechanism and packed in the berms. Once this was completed, the range was ready for use -- and in a timely and efficient manner, said Totten.

All of the soldiers who have worked on the ranges motivate themselves to do the best job possible, said Staff Sgt. Randy W eirup, range inspector. We are satisfied and appreciate the work they all put into the ranges.

**Soldiers from 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment work range, Range 5.**

The soldiers on these details, aside from working on firing lanes, help keep the ranges ready for use -- cutting the grass around the range and and performing other regularly scheduled maintenance.

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Photos by Nel Lampe

**Members of the Fort Carson Mounted Color Guard ride to the rodeo arena to conduct tryouts for potential members.**

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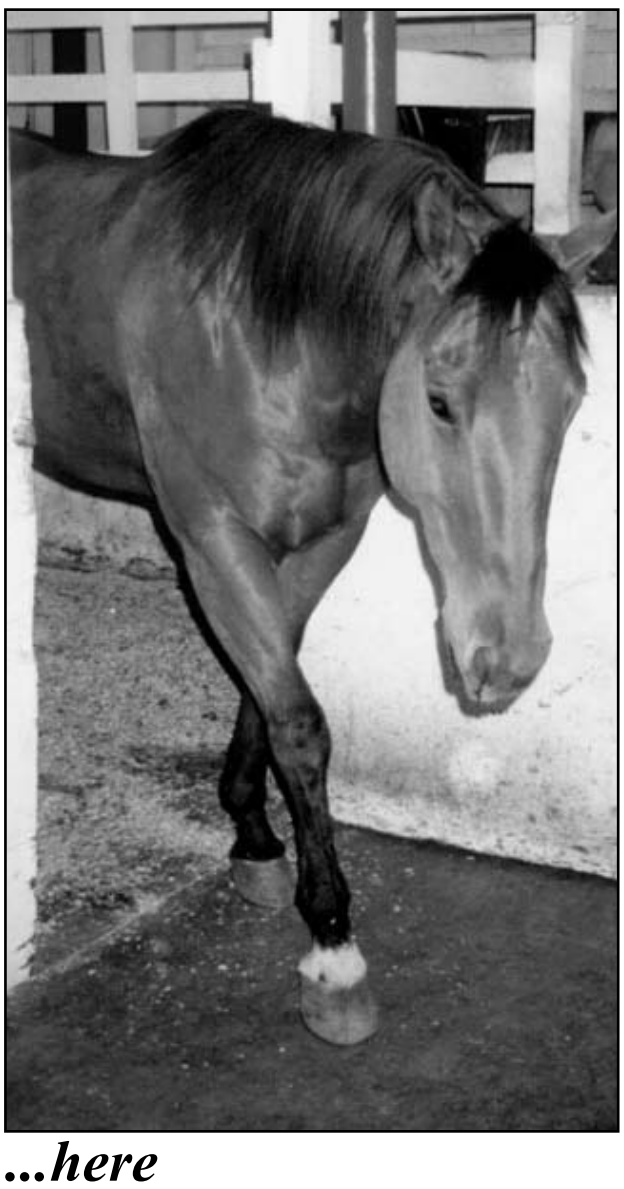

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**Sergeant Maj. Whodini lets himself out of his stall when he's finished eating.**

# Horses—

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Last year I went 37 days straight without a day off, Davis said.

The mounted color guard has about 150 commitments during the period from May through September, at retirements, changes of command, parades and rodeos. Davis said the highlights of last year s public appearances were Cheyenne Days in W yoming and appearing at the Special Olympics in Clovis, N. M.

And workdays can be long. A typical day starts with feeding the horses at 6:30 a.m. and ends with the final feeding of the day, at about 4:30 p.m. But a ceremony or public appearance makes for an even longer day. A 7 a.m. muster at the parade field for a change of command ceremony means the guard members start the day at 4:30 a.m., in order to get the horses fed, saddled, loaded in the trailer and off-loaded at the parade field by 7 a.m.

It s not an easy job, but I begged for it, said Pfc. Rick Smith, who has been with the guard for about a month. I don t want to say I miss the BDUs, but I do like the Wranglers (jeans) and chambray (shirt).

It s the best job in the Army, said Sgt. Don Geuea, who had a horse before he had a bicycle.

Sergeant Terry Taylor has been a member of the guard for two years, and although he acknowledges that the job is sometimes hard work, he says I wouldn t take anything for it.

Taylor said he waited eight years to get the chance to join the mounted color guard.

Three soldiers tested for a chance to make the mounted color guard team June 11.

Potential members must demonstrate their horsemanship skills in a series of set moves and patterns. The riders are scored by members of the mounted color guard. If a person trying out does-n t pass the riding portion of the test, re-testing is allowed up to three times. Call 526-4985 to set up a tryout.

Once the horsemanship test is successfully completed, the soldier must complete the second portion of testing, which is knowledge of equestrian equipment, strength and endurance. After passing all testing phases with a 70 percent score, the soldier is accepted for the guard. At that point, the soldier must arrange his or her transfer to the unit through the chain of command.

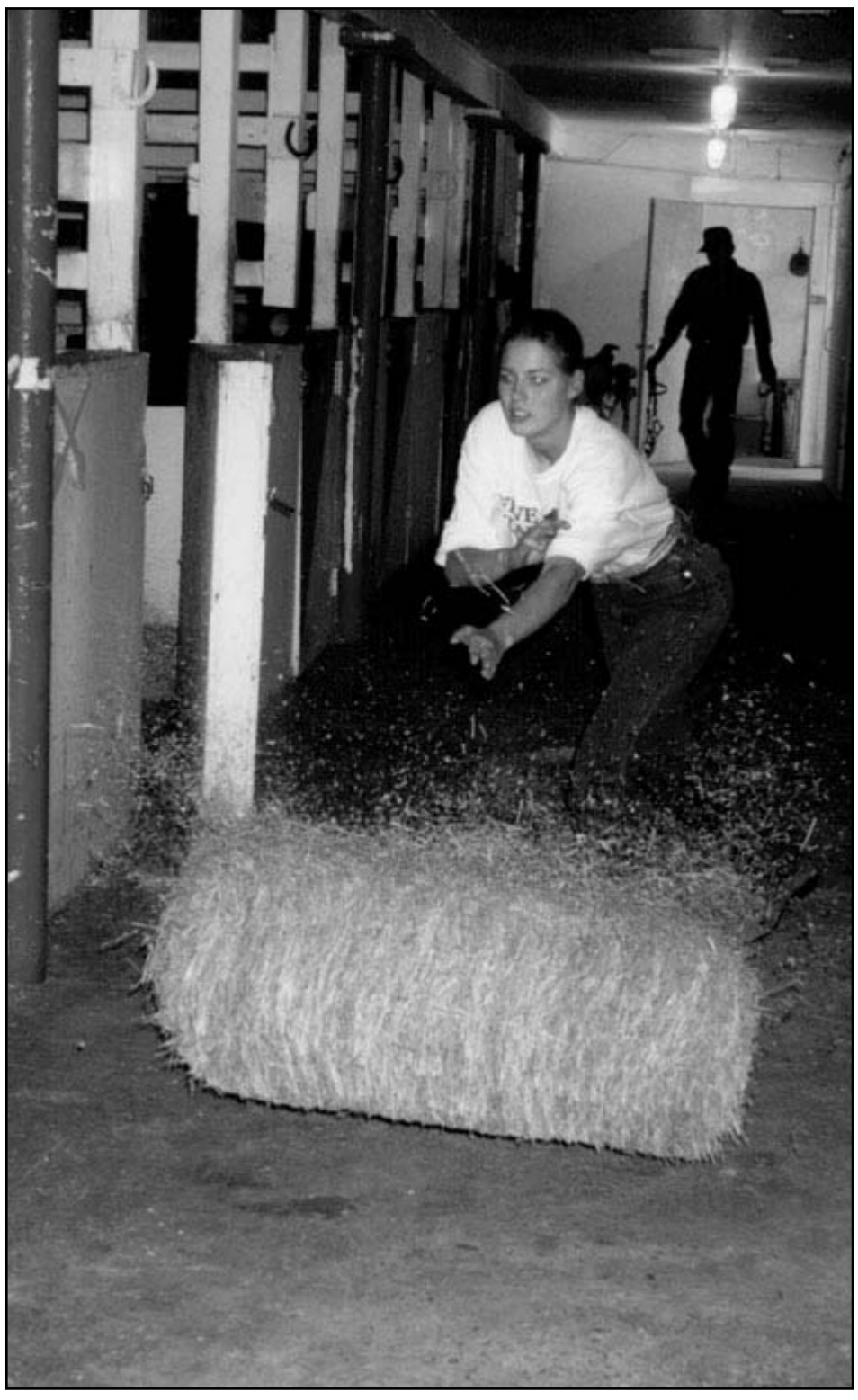
Private First Class Jacqueline Poland, who is a smoke track operator with the 89th Chemical, was trying out for her third and final time. She was elated when she learned she passed the riding skills portion of the tryout. But, now I have to throw a bale of hay, she said.

Poland successfully completed all portions of the testing, and now must work with her unit to get an assignment to the mounted honor guard.

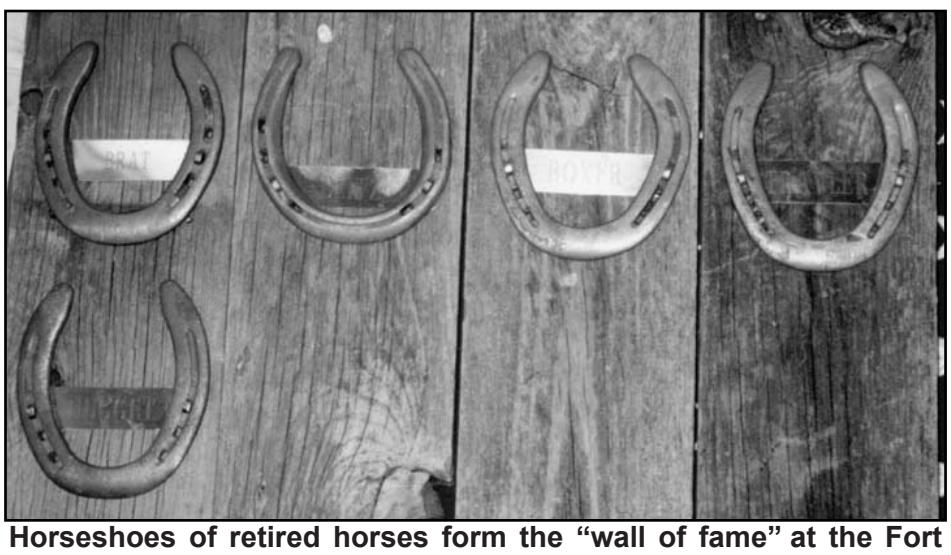
Soldiers assigned to the guard are still soldiers, according to Davis. They still have PT, study for promotion boards and have weapons qualification. Team members teach each other differ-

Private First Class Amanda Brieno shoddens a horse.

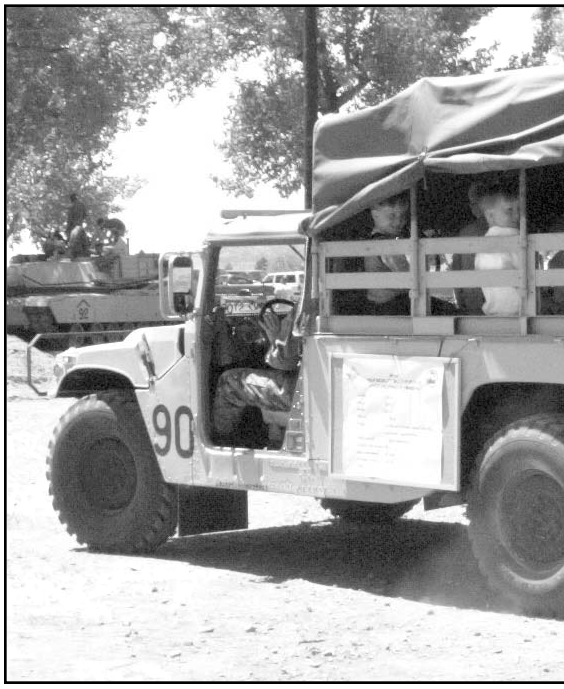
Private First Class Jacqueline Poland rides a figure-eight at the arena.



Private First Class Jacqueline Poland throws a bale of hay during the strength and endurance test.



Horseshoes of retired horses form the "wall of fame" at the Fort Carson Mounted Color Guard barn at Turkey Creek.



# Fun for the whole

**Above: Family members take a ride on a**
**Battalion, 68th Armor Family/Organizatio**
**Sgt. Carlton Daniels takes a dip in the d**
**Soldiers and family members had fun in**
**as they played volleyball, softball, baske**
**barbeque.**

# Sports & Leisure

## Three World Class Athletes earn places on 1998 USA Goodwill Games boxing team

by Walt Johnson
Mountaineer staff

Three of five Fort Carson boxers scored victories June 12 at the U.S. Olympic Training Center to earn their spots on the American team for the 1998 Goodwill Games to be held in New York City in July.

Olanda Thomas, John Medina and Stanley McClain each scored impressive victories to ensure they will be a part of the American contingent that will take on the world in the Big Apple.

Two other Fort Carson boxers lost close decisions June 12 and therefore will not be going to New York for the Goodwill Games. James Webb and George Cofield each lost heart breaking decisions in their respective weight classes of 139 and 119 pounds.

In the 119-pound fight, Cofield fought and battled Antonio Rodriquez of Wailuku, Hawaii, for four rounds and two minutes into the fifth round. However, with one minute and one second remaining in the contest, the referee stopped the contest and awarded the decision to Rodriquez.

Webb met Ebo Elder of Newman, Ga., in his bout and lost on a decision in what many spectators felt was the fight of the day. Webb and Elder gave and took the best shots their opponent had to give, and, in the end, many thought both fighters had won the bout. The judges awarded the bout to Elder and the obviously disappointed Webb didn t disagree with the decision after reviewing the tape of the fight.

I came in and caught too many shots during the fight. It was a good fight but he deserved the decision, Webb said.

The outcome was different for the three fighters heading to the Goodwill games in their fights on Friday. In the 112-pound weight class, Medina clearly decisioned Gerald Tucker of Cincinnati, Ohio, winning his bout by a score of 17-11. Medina s victory meant he would get a shot at the top ranked fighter in the country in his weight class, Roberto Benitez of New York City.

If anyone thinks the scoring system in professional boxing is wacky, they should try to understand the scoring system in amateur boxing. During the amateur boxing competition five judges are used to score the bout. Each judge must work independently and awards 20 points to the winner of a round. The loser of the round can earn up to 19 points in a round.

The scoring came into question during the Medina-Benitez bout. Medina came out strong in the first and second rounds and appeared to be in control of the fight. Between rounds two and three, World Class Athlete Boxing Coach Byron Moore was pleased with the way Medina was fighting and encouraged him to keep up what he was doing.

Medina came out for the third round and landed some effective punches early in the round. But Benitez kept following Medina around the ring and as the closing minute was being fought, landed a number of good shots on Medina to steal the round.

Moore was sensing the action getting away from his fighter and, between rounds three and four, told Medina to be more offensive, back him up and make him think. . Medina listened to the advice from his corner, and landed some solid shots early in the round. But Benitez fought through the shots and began to apply pressure of his own. By the time the round was over, Benitez had definitely seized the momentum of the fight, but still it was there for both fighters to win in the fight round.

photo by Walt Johnson

**World Class Athlete Boxing coaches Byron Moore, left, and assistant coach Harry Washington, right, flank, from left to right, Goodwill Games participants Olanda Thomas, John Medina and Stanley McClain shortly after they fought Saturday night.**

Medina and Benitez both came out fighting the fifth round as though their life depended on it. Each player scored impressive right hands in the round with Benitez being more aggressive and eventually pressuring Medina around the ring. As the bell sounded ending the fight, it wasn t obvious who won. As both fighters and the fans heard the decision in favor of Benitez, it was obvious the two best fighters in the 112-pound class had fought a great fight and they applauded for both fighters as they left the ring.

Thomas came into his light heavyweight fight against the number two ranked Anthony Stewart, of Chicago Ill., as the fighter being featured by ESPN, which tape delayed the matches and will show them on July 11.

Anderson had a four-inch height advantage on his opponent and at first glance you had a flashback to the old Muhammad Ali-Joe Frazier fights. Anderson looked like Ali, the tall slick boxer who could punch, while Stewart reminded people of Joe Frazier, the bulldog-like fighter who got low and packed a powerful punch.

Stewart must have thought he had to score a quick knockout to beat Thomas, because he came out and put pressure on Thomas from the beginning. Thomas kept Stewart off balance with digging jabs into his face and body. The persistent Stewart followed the same game plan in the second round only to be backed up again by Thomas who was delivering

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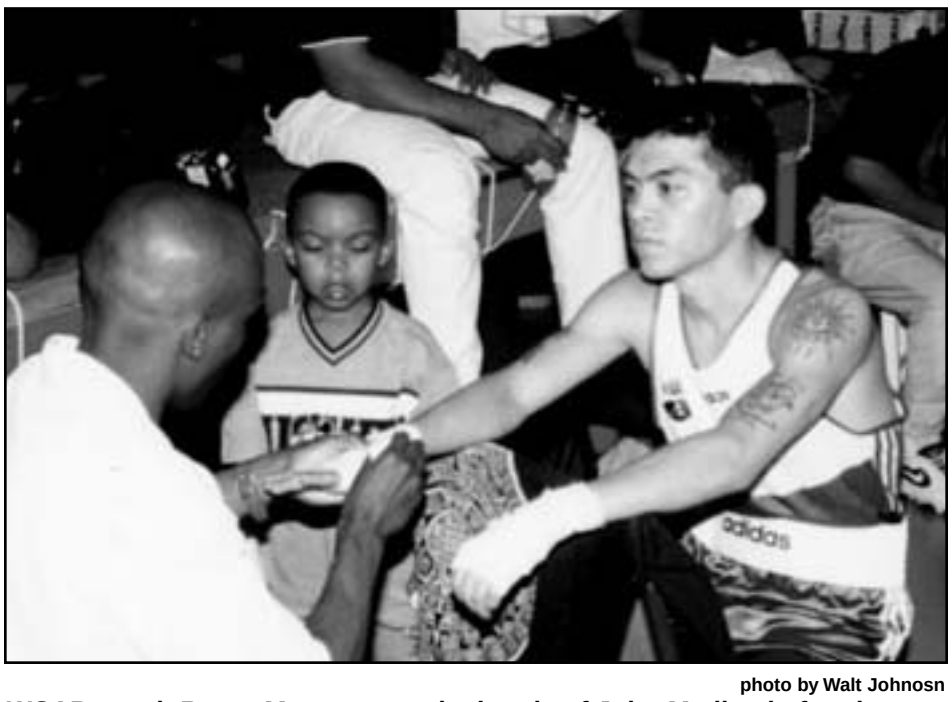

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**WCAP coach Byron Moore tapes the hands of John Medina before he perpared to meet his opponent Saturday night at the Olympic Training Center**

# Outdoor pool the place for summer fun

by Walt Johnson
Mountaineer staff

If you are interested in exercise or just plain fun, one stop could be the renovated and improved outdoor swimming pool.

The renovated pool opened one month ago with a new surface for the pool and a contractor-run snack bar among the new things consumers can look forward to enjoying, according to Charles Jarboe, outdoor pool supervisor. Jarboe said patrons at the outdoor pool will notice right away the new and improved pool area, which has a new surface that is smooth and comfortable to the touch, unlike the old floor which was a bit rough on the feet.

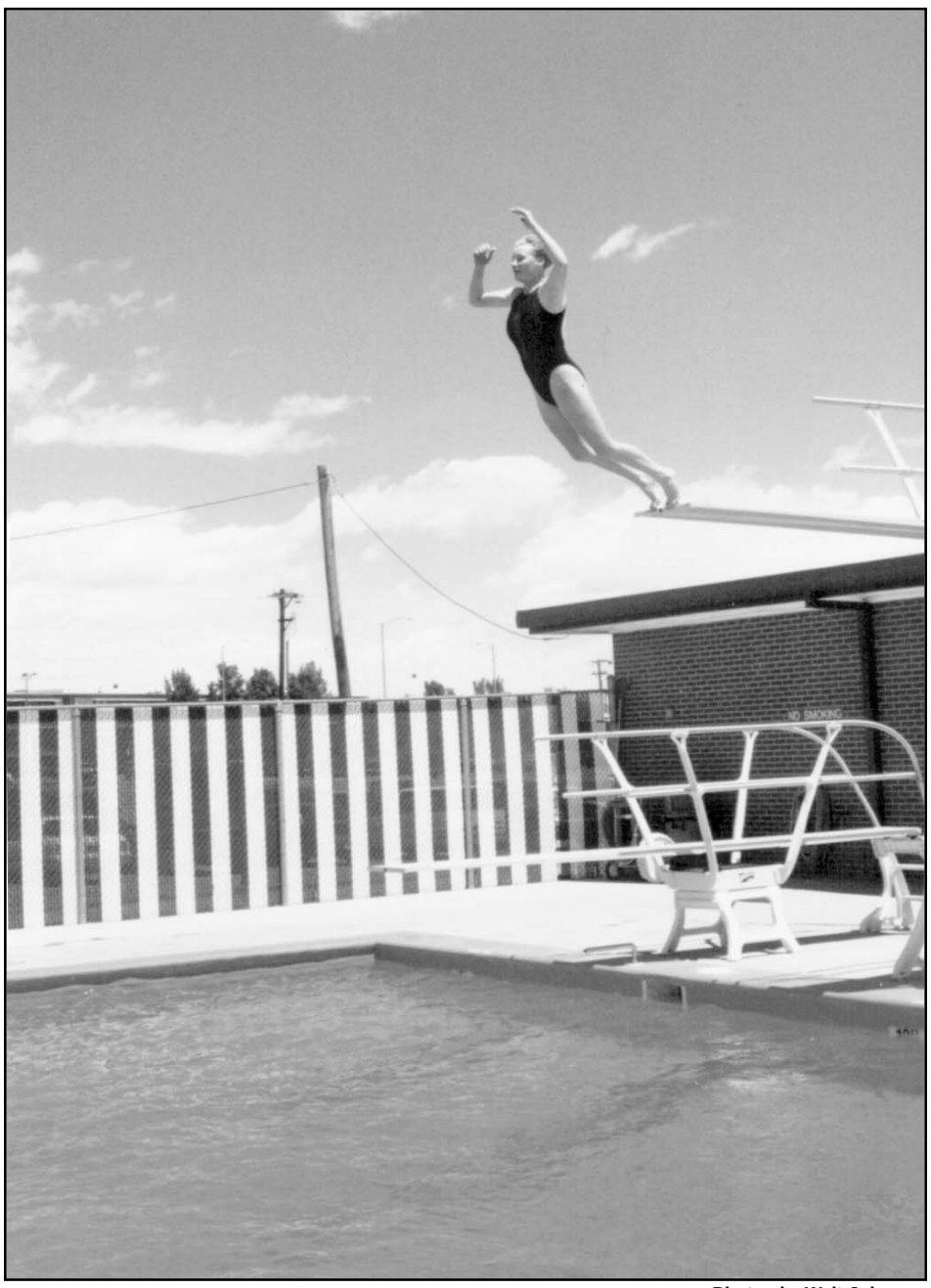
If patrons get hungry after they begin swimming, a covered snack shop area is available to take care of whatever craving a person may have.

Jarboe said there are a number of classes the aquatics center will offer on a year-round basis. All classes that are offered will be held at the outdoor pool in the summer and then moved to the indoor facility in the winter.

Currently the outdoor pool has five more sessions of swimming lessons available for advanced, beginner and pre-school classes. The classes are held three times a day for each category, from 8:30 to 9:15 a.m. for the first class; 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. for the second class; and 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. for the third class.

Dates for the sessions are: today through Friday; July 6 through July 17; July 20 through July 31; Aug. 3 through Aug. 14 and Aug. 17 through Aug. 28. The classes costs $20 per session.

**Cheryl Cornelius, left, enjoys the outdoor pool with her children, sons Aaron and Adam and daughter Alicia.**



Photos by Walt Johnson

**Specialist Kris Gardner, 60th Ordnance jumps off the diving board.**

# Boxing

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thunderous body blows. Thomas was so effective with his body shots that Moore reminded him to keep going to the body and be nasty .

After the second round, though, it was obvious Stewart s strategy was to take some punishment in hopes of wearing down the top ranked Thomas, and as the third round began, it appeared the strategy was working. In the third round, Thomas shots began to lose some steam and accuracy, once even hitting Stewart with a low blow.

As the third round ended, Moore decided to have Thomas stay on the outside and try to pick Stewart apart from long range. But the strategy wouldn t work as Thomas seemed to be running out of gas after battering Stewart through the first three rounds. Stewart felt he had to make his run now and he did, backing up Thomas with bull rushes and powerful right hands. While fighting off Stewart, Thomas again delivered a low blow and a point was deducted from him.

What looked like a sure victory after the second round was now beginning to be in doubt as the fifth round began. Thomas was still ahead on the judges cards but he needed a good fifth round to secure the victory, according to Moore. Moore urged Thomas to give him a big fifth round in the corner just before the bell sounded.

As the fifth round began Thomas seemed to follow his coaches desires as he rocked Stewart with a right hand and seemed to be in control of the fight. But Thomas was worn out from having to beat off the relentless Stewart and ran out of gas. Stewart, feeling Thomas punches lacked the steam they had early in the fight, pressed Thomas and ended up winning the fight on the judges scorecards.

The last chance Fort Carson had to root for a winner was the very next fight, as Stanley McCLain, who came into the competition as the third ranked fighter in the country, faced DaVarryl Williamson, the top ranked fighter in the heavyweight division.

The fighters showed why the heavyweight division is the most exciting in the game. A fight fan knows that one punch can end a heavyweight fight so no one s attention strays when they fight. This one met the standards.

Williamson and McCLain each landed good shots on each other and in the second round McClain appeared to have Williamson in trouble. But Williamson fought back and by the end of the round had scored some big shots against McClain. That would prove to be a snapshot of what was to happen in the third round.

In the corner between rounds, Moore reminded McClain that he had to be more aggressive and punch more to prevent Williamson from grabbing the momentum. As the third round began it was obvious it was too late to seize the momentum from Williamson. He came out a confident fighter and caught McClain with a solid right hand that sent McClain to the canvas.

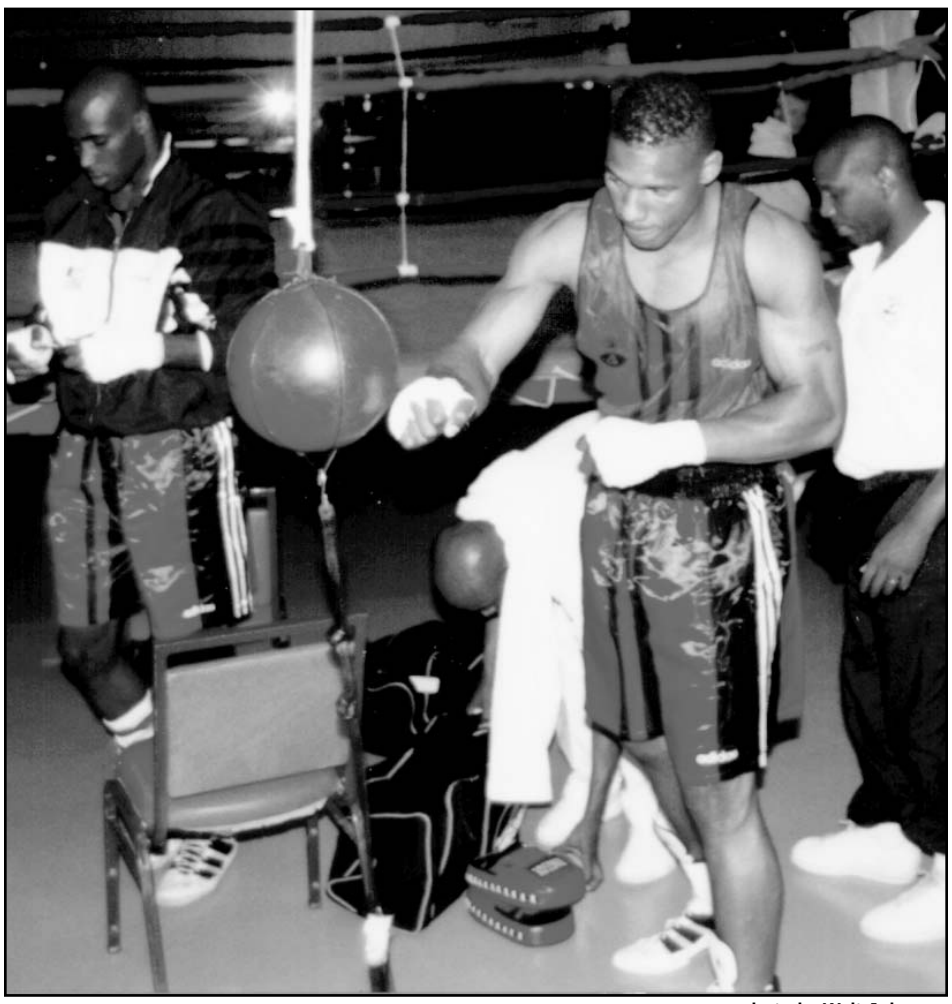

photo by Walt Johnson

**Stanley McClain, front, and Olanda Thomas warm up in the dressing room prior to going to the ring for their bouts as World Class Athlete assistant coach Harry Washington looks on.**

# Annual Independence Day run set for July at Post Field

by Walt Johnson
Mountaineer staff

Runners of all ages will take part in the 18th annual Fort Carson 5km and 10km run July 4 at the Post Physical Fitness Center. The adult run will begin at 7 a.m. and a Kids Fun Run will begin at 8:30 a.m.

The run this year is being produced by the Fort Carson Sports Division and the Enlisted Spouses Charitable Organization and sponsored by the new professional hockey team, the Colorado Springs Gold Kings; General Mills and Gatorade.

Categories for the run for males and females are: 16 and under; 17-24; 25-29; 30-34; 35-39; 40-44; 45-49; 50-54; 55-59 and 60 and up.

The kids fun run is free and will be limited to the first 200 kids who sign up. For the kids run parents are encouraged to run along with their children. Everyone that completes the 1/2 mile course will receive a ribbon.

This year there will also be a super squad 10km competition featuring company/troop level units competing for theFort Carson unit trophies. The rules are simple. Each unit must field a team consisting of eight runners in men and co-ed competition. If family members want to participate, they may do so on the co-ed teams.

The race will be scored on the cross country rules of scoring. The first six of eight men or top three out of four men and women in the co-ed race will be declared the winners.

Registration for the race is $12 for individuals and $28 for a family of three or more. The day of the race the individual registration goes up to $14. People can register at the Ironhorse Fitness Center or at the Runner s Roost, 107 E. Bijou in Colorado Springs. Mail in registration is available by stopping by the post physical fit-

Photo by Walt Johnson

## Slugger

**Fort Carson's Craig Thompson lines a base hit to left field during the Mountaineers 14-13 victory over Bohica June 11,**

photo by Walt Johnson

**Fort Carson's Craig Thompson lines a base hit to left field during the Mountaineers 14-13 victory over Bohica June 11,**

photo by Walt Johnson

**Fort Carson's Craig Thompson lines a base hit during the Mountaineers 14-13 win over Bohica in Colorado Springs city league action.**

# Dear Santa,

## Could we visit the North Pole this summer?

by Nel Lampe
Mountaineer staff

Christmas doesn't come just once a year – not when you live just a few miles from the North Pole – North Pole, Colo., that is. Located near Cascade and the entrance to Pikes Peak Highway, Santa's Workshop makes every day Christmas day. Opening each year in mid-May, the amusement park designed with children and the young at heart in mind, is located in a wooded area at the foot of Pikes Peak.

And during the month of June, an empty Coke can gets you a $3.50 discount on the price of admission, which is a whopping bargain since all rides are included in the entrance price.

Beginning in June, the Workshop is open every day through Labor Day. From Labor Day until Christmas Eve, it is closed Wednesdays and Thursdays. The park is open from 9:30 a.m. until 6 p.m.

The park was opened in 1956, and is patterned after a Santa village located in the Adirondacks in New York, according to Jerry Bertram, operations manager. Bertram has been at the park for 25 years, after retiring from the Navy.

Bertram said that originally the Santa's Workshop at North Pole was just the village – Santa's house and several gift shops.

Photos by Nel Lampe

**Cameron Lampe discusses his Christmas list with Santa.**

A stagecoach was added, the train, a slide, and, over the years, other rides were added. Two dozen deer, two Llamas, a swan, goose and duck live at the park.

There are 26 rides, all with seat belts. Bertram said that children must be 48 inches tall to board most of the rides, or be accompanied by an adult. One ride, called the Witches' Stew, requires riders to be 54 inches tall to ride alone. The rides are primarily children's rides, but adults usually enjoy joining their children or grandchildren.

Rides include the Tilt-a-Whirl, Paratrooper, Sky Ride (ski-lift type ride), space shuttle, the highest Ferris wheel in the world (because of the altitude), Christmas tree ride, Peppermint slide, and a

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**Santa's helper, Amy Adams, waits for children at the door of Santa's house.**

# Fort Carson Insight

A pull-out section for the Fort Carson community

June 19, 1998

## What's inside


**Military**

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The 10th Special Forces Group will be having a change of responsibility for outgoing Command Sgt. Maj. Gerald Janis and incoming Command Sgt. Maj. Harry Ramirez Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Latermore field. For more information, call 524-1221.

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The post soccer team is looking for anyone interested in trying out for the Colorado Springs Soccer Club 98 Invitational here July 17 to 19. Soldiers interested in trying out for the team should contact Coach Ben Stancati at 574-1020

# North Pole —

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train.

The carousel, located in the village s forest, is a Herschell-Spillman carousel, built in 1919. It is one of only 200 carousels remaining from the 8,000 carousels from that era. The original wooden carved horses are on the carousel, along with newer reindeer.

W ooden benches are located throughout the village, amidst trees and colorful giant, decorative mushrooms, contributing to a fairy-tale setting.

A special attraction in the center of the village is the north pole. It s always frozen, and adds to the atmosphere and thrill of being at the north pole.

But the most special house to visit is Santa s house. Santa relaxes in a chair, in his cozy log-living room, which is decorated with toys. He s round and jolly and his authentic white beard convinces children this is the man to talk to about those Christmas lists. Photos of children with Santa can be purchased, or you are welcome to take your own pictures.

The village includes a girls gift shop; a boys gift shop, chapel and candy kitchen; Santa s workshop; Santa s house; and a Christmas Shop. The Christmas Shop has a large selection of ornaments and Christmas items.

A souvenir shop is housed near the entrance. A big variety of Colorado and Christmas souvenirs are available.

A candle shop and stained glass studio round out the village shops.

There is a post office located at North Pole, and many visitors mail their Christmas cards at the workshop post office. Bertram said people from all over the world mail packages of Christmas Cards to the North Pole, in order to get the North Pole postmark.

Food is available at Mother Hubbard s cupboard, Miss Muffet s Snacks, and the Ice Cream Parlor and Cafe. Standard fare of hamburgers and hotdogs is available, as well as funnel cakes, doughnuts, ice cream, soft drinks, coffee and hot chocolate. A popcorn stand is also available near the chapel.

It s possible to bring your own picnic lunch. Picnic tables are located near the train station. No alcoholic drinks or fires are permitted in the picnic area.

During June, July and August, a wide variety of entertainment is available.

There s always a magic show in the Magic Show House. Shows start at 10:30 a.m., and are about every 90 minutes after that.

Max Armstrong, an illusionist, will perform shows at the Magic Show House throughout the summer.

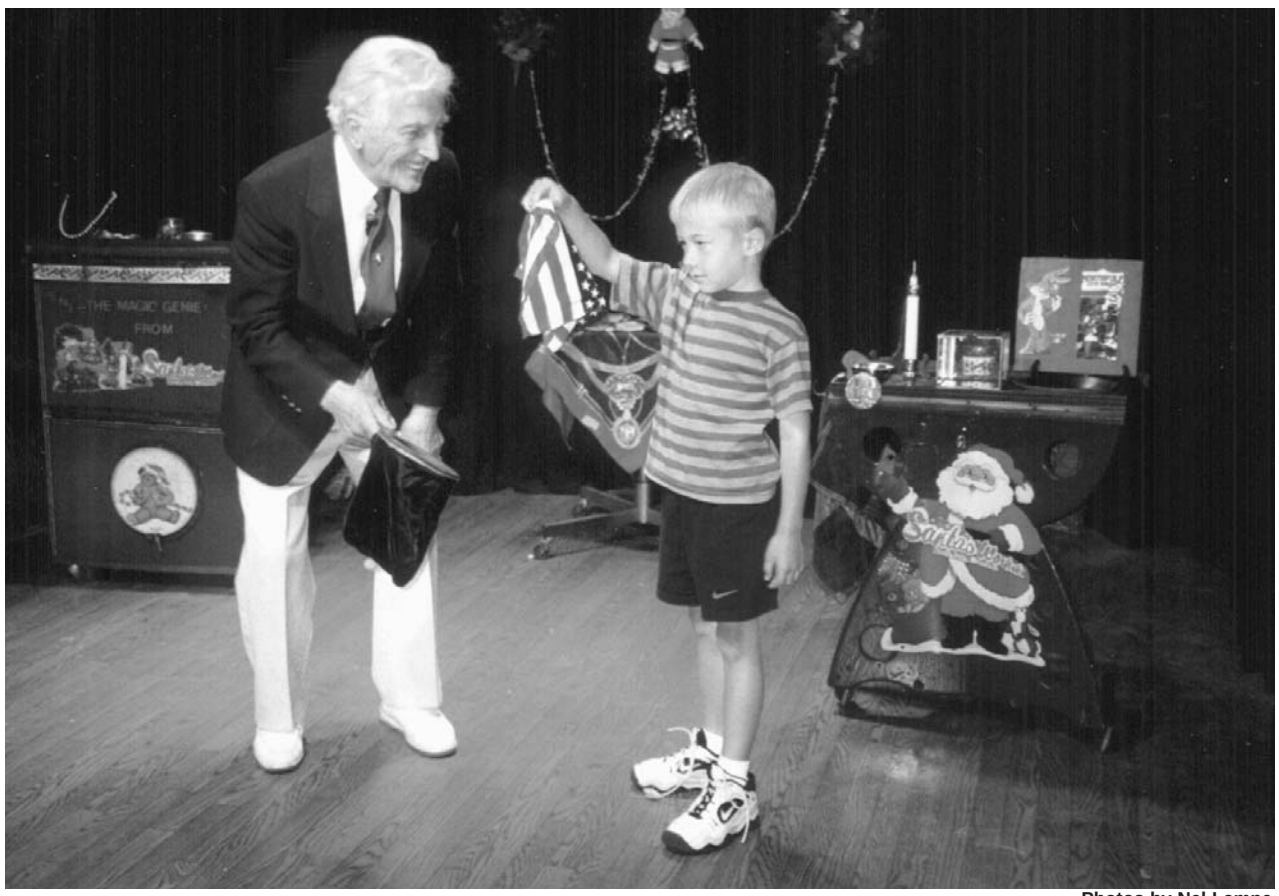
Included in the admission price are unlimited rides.

Regular admission price is $9.50 for ages 2-59. Children under 2 are admitted free, and senior citizens may enter for $3.95. During the month of June, anyone who brings an empty Coca-Cola can gets $3.50 discount on one ticket. There is no limit to the number of discounts per family just one can/discount per ticket. The cans are donated to the Humane Society.

Looking for a place to celebrate some child s birthday? Santa s Workshop does have a birthday room for parties. Call the workshop at 684-9432 for information and reservations for the Rainbow Party Room.

If you are interested in visiting the park more than once, pick up a special discount ticket from the cashier when you exit. The special coupon will allow you to return throughout the season for $5.95 per person per visit.

To reach the North Pole and Santa s W orkshop, take I-25 north from Fort Carson to the Cimarron Exit. Go left on



Photos by Nel Lampe

**Tyler Peden, 6, from Ulysses, Kan., assists Magician Gene Kownacki turn flowers into flags.**

### Just the Facts

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| Travel time | 25 minutes |
| For ages | all |
| Type | theme park |
| Fun factor | ✪✪✪✪1/2 |
| | (Out of 5 stars) |
| Wallet damage = | $$ |

(Based on a family of four)

$ = Less than $20

$$ = $21 to $40

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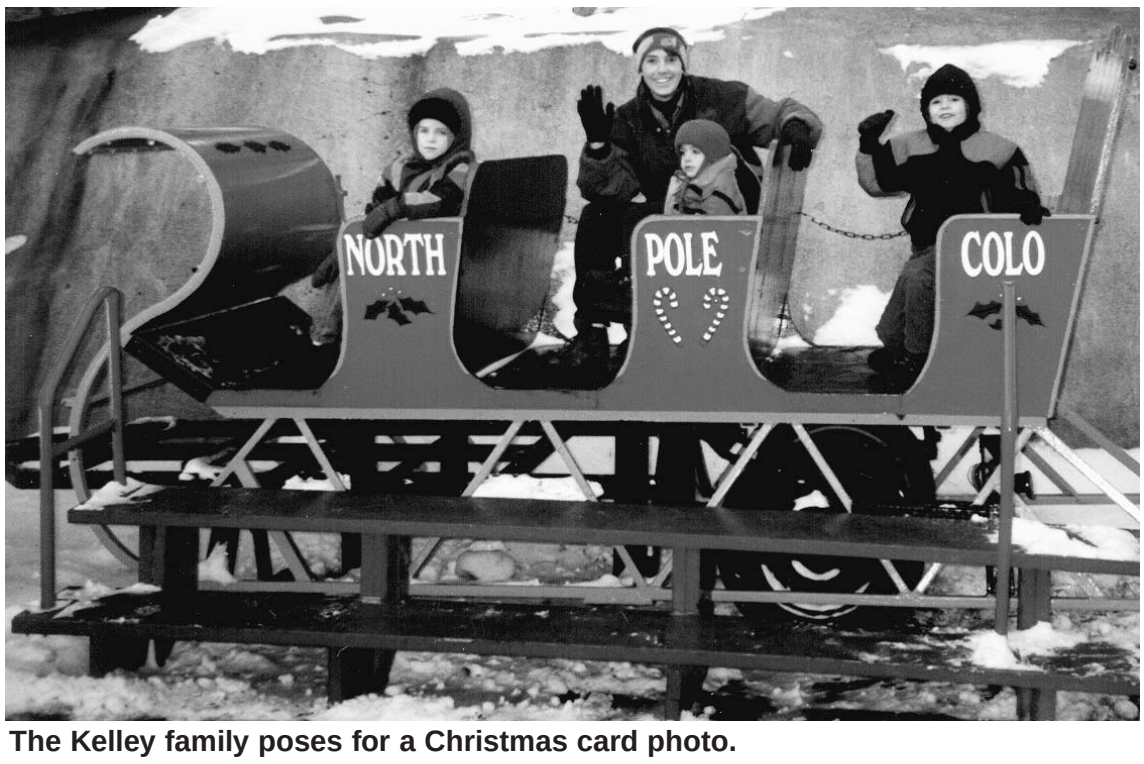
**Adults and children alike enjoy the rides at Santa's Workshop.**




**The Kelley family poses for a Christmas card photo.**

# Community Events

## ACS

The Family Member Employment Assistance Program will offer a Standard Form 171 and Optional Form 612 workshop Wednesday and again July 15 from 1 to 3 p.m. These forms are the basic federal employment applications. The workshop will provide insight in completing applications and general hints about the most effective ways to describe professional experience. To register or for more information, call 526-0452.

The Family Advocacy Program is offering a Strengthening Step Families class through July 2 in the ACS conference room. The class will discuss a number of issues related to healthy step family development. Child care is provided. Call 526-4590 to register.

The ACS Family Advocacy program presents The Five Key Habits of Smart Dads Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Elkhorn Conference Center. Learn five key habits to

## Youth

help men become more effective fathers. Child care is provided. Call 526-4590 to register.

The Child and Youth Services School of the Arts is sponsoring the Granite Youth Symphony Orchestra who will be appearing at McMahon auditorium July 9 at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 526-1239.

Operation Summer Tracks is ongoing through Aug. 5. Sponsored by the Fort Carson Child and Youth Services for 6th to 12th grades, there will be a different theme and subject each week. Visit building 5510 or call 526-1100 for more information.

The Fort Carson Vacation Bible School will be Monday through June 27 at Soldiers Memorial Chapel. God s Kids Pray is the theme and teachers are needed for all grade levels. Classes for adults and children will be conducted Monday through Friday evenings from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Dinner will be provided. Volunteers should call Dennis Scheck at 526-5626.

Child and Youth Services School of the Arts Program will host a Missoula Children s Theatre production of The Pied Piper June 27 at 3 and 7 p.m. at McMahon Theater. Admission is $2 for adults and $1 for children. Auditions for this performance are June 22 from 10 a.m. to noon. All children should bring a lunch, in the event they are cast and need to remain there for the rehearsal.

Casting will be held at McMahon Theater,

## Miscellaneous

School of the Arts building. All youths ages 6-18 are invited to audition. Rehearsals will be from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. daily. For more information, call Mary Tunder at 526-2680.

Albright Productions presents An Artist Extravaganza Saturday at 8 pm. at Christopher s. Donations are $10 in advance and $12 at the door. A party with food will take place after the show and there will also be a bike raffle and door prizes.

The Mountain Post Training and Education Center computer software classes will be moved from building 1117 to building 1550, affecting classes beginning July 13. The classrooms are on the second floor of the new location.

The Fort Carson Veterinary Treatment Facility is reminding on-post pet owners about pet registration. Owners have until Aug. 1 to register all dogs and cats and have an electronic identification microchip implanted.

Pet owners who do not register by the deadline will be denied veterinary services until they are in compliance with the regulation. The FCVT is located in building 6001. For more information, call 526-3803.

The Fort Carson Red Cross is looking for young people over the age of 14 to volunteer at Evans Army Community Hospital. If interested, call Bethany Tozer at 526-7589.

The Fort Carson Commissary is now operating on new hours. The new hours are Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m; Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Thursday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. It will be closed Wednesdays.

The Fort Carson Housing office will operate with a reduced staff on July 9 and 16 from 8 a.m. to noon. For more information, call 526-7573.

Grant Library has books available to get a head start on things to do with your kid in Colorado. The library offers books and videos on fishing, hiking, mountain biking, scenic drives, boating and floating in Colorado. For more information, call 526-2350.

Army Career and Alumni Program is hosting a job fair June 26 at the Elkhorn Conference Center from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. More than 60 local and national companies will be represented. Military and civilian personnel are welcome. For more information, call 526-1002.

The Army Community Service Outreach Program Video will be shown every day at 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. through July 5 on the Fort Carson Command Channel.

The Directorate of Resource Management is conducting a sealed bid zone sale Thursday with bids to be opened at 7:30 a.m. Inspections will be from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. For more information, call 526-6836.

Fountain-Fort Carson School District 8 is hosting a Summer Food Service Program. Breakfast and lunch will be served from Monday through July 24 at Lorraine, Mesa, Abrams and Mountainside Elementary Schools. Meals are free for those under 18, $1.50 for an adult breakfast and $2 for an adult lunch.

Fountain-Fort Carson High School sports physicals for school year 1998-1999 will be given at the D.F.A.C, Aug. 6 from 4 to 6 p.m. Cost for the physicals will be $10. For more information, call 382-1649.

These new services are being offered by the Army and Air Force Exchange Service: Mimi s European Espresso Cart is now open in the food court at the Main Exchange. Hours are 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Bakery items are available. Cruisin Cuisine, a mobile food truck AAFES concessionaire, is now serving Fort Carson. If you would like to have your building serviced, call (800) 353-2305.

Repairs on Ware Street will be ongoing through the month of June. Residents are encouraged to practice safety in this area.

Head Start is now enrolling for the 1998-99 school year. El Paso county residents with children who will be 3 or 4 by Sept. 15 may qualify for a free preschool program. Classrooms are located at local elementary schools in districts 2, 3, 8, 11, 20, Ellicott and Peyton. Children attend school two days a week, either Monday or Wednesday or Tuesday and Thursday, six hours a day.

Call 635-1536 to make an enrollment appointment.

The 1998 Department of the Army Battle of Bands is a Morale, Welfare and Recreation activity that affords soldiers who play in recreational bands after duty hours the opportunity to compete for cash prizes and trophies. This year s finals will be held at Fort Stewart, Ga., Sept. 21 to 27.

Finalists are selected from installation competitions and nominations submitted to major Army commands and forwarded to the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center.

To qualify for this year s competition, MACOMs must submit the names of bands nominated for the world finals to the Entertainment Division by July 3. This event is in conjunction with Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers.

For more information call the Directorate of Community Activities at 526-1491.

The Pikes Peak Library District is sponsoring its Young Adult Summer Reading Program for ages 11 to 18 through Aug. 1. Weekly prizes are given each week for those registered. The more books read the better the chance to win a prize.

For more information, visit any branch of the Pikes Peak Library District.

The Peterson Air Force Museum is closed during the month of June for a construction project.

The Colorado Hill Climb Association is looking for volunteers for the upcoming Victor Hill Climb Aug. 1. Volunteers would assist during the race with ticket taking, crowd control, scales volunteers, and pit volunteers. Approximately 20 to 24 volunteers are needed.

For more information, call 520-1184.

The Sheraton South Hotel presents the Homeward Bound Expo June 27 from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. The expo will provide information on housing to buy, rent, lease shopping, banking, public assistance, health and household services and other things relating to the southern Colorado area.

For more information, call 576-5900.

# Military Briefs

The Fort Carson Criminal Investigation Command has begun full operation of its Fraud, Waste and Abuse Hotline. The hotline allows members of the community to report incidents of suspected fraud, waste and abuse.

To report suspected cases of fraud against the government, call the hotline at 524-1120. Callers can remain anonymous and all information is confidential. Callers must, however, leave enough information about the incident for a follow-up investigation.

The Central Issue Facility will close June 29 through July 3 for inventory.

The Ammunition Supply Point will close for inventory Monday through June 26. For more information, call 526-8602.

The 10th Special Forces Group will be having a change of responsibility for outgoing Command Sgt. Maj. Gerald Janis and incoming Command Sgt. Maj. Harry Ramirez Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Latermore field. For more information, call 524-1221.

The Army Birthday Ball will be held June 27 at 6 p.m at the Colorado Hall, the Broadmoor. Dress is: civilian, formal/business suit and military, mess dress, dress blues and class A with bow tie. Entertainment will be the Air Force Band of the Rockies, Harmony in Motion and dance music.

For more information, contact unit adjutants.

The Hazardous Material Control Center administrative office has relocated to building 406. The warehouse is still in building 400. Both buildings are located on Tevis Street. The HMCC will also be supplying the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment with hazardous materials for the Pinon Canyon rotation.

The Unit Basic Loads days will be as follows: Tuesday, 4th Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, at 9 a.m.; 1st Sqdn., 3rd ACR at 9:30 a.m.; 2nd Sqdn., 3rd ACR at 1 p.m.; Wednesday, K Company and 158th Military Police at 9 a.m.; 3rd Sqdn, 3rd ACR at 9:30; Spt Sqdn. and 89th Chemical at 1 p.m.; Thursday, Maint. Troop at 9 a.m., Regimental Headquarters,Headquarters Troop at 11 a.m.; 66th Military Intelligence at 1 p.m.; 43rd Engineer Company at 2:30 p.m.

For more information, call 526-6013 for administrative office and 526-2979 for the warehouse.

The Mountain Post Chapter of the Noncommissioned Officers Association will hold its general membership meeting Wednesday at 5 p.m. at the Elkhorn Conference Center. The meeting is open to all members, prospective members and their spouses. The guest speaker will be Colorado State Representative Mary Ellen Epps.

For more information, call 576-0757 or contact your unit sergeant major.

The Cavalry Group Veterans Association will hold its 51st annual reunion Sept. 4, 5 and 6. The event will be held at the Best Western Midway Chicago/Elk Grove Hotel in Elk Grove Village, Ill.

For more information, call George Hansen (630) 983-6864 or Gene Andrews (773) 779-7786.

The open enrollment season for the thrift savings plan program goes through July 31. During this period, civilian employees may begin or change their contributions to the tax-deferred plan or may allocate or reallocate their future contributions among the TSP s C, F and G funds. The next open season is Nov. 15 to Jan. 31, 1999.

Accident Avoidance Training will be conducted July 7 to 10 at the Driver Testing Station in building 301. The training sessions will be from 8 a.m. to noon. The class limit is 25 students for each session. Last day to reserve space is July 2. For more information, call 526-5534.

Soldiers magazine is looking for one female and male soldier for a poster. The poster will feature the soldiers in the proper wear of the Class A uniform. Soldiers who are selected will be flown to Washington, D. C. in August for a three-day photo shoot.

Soldiers in the rank of private first class through staff sergeant will be considered, as well as first and second lieutenants. Send the following information to: Soldiers Magazine, Uniform Poster, 9325 Gunston Rd. Suite S108, Fort Belvoir, Va 22060-5581.

To be considered, send a current DA photo, a one-page biography to include full name, rank, social security number; and a list of all assignments to include current unit address and phone number; and a letter of recommendation from your commander or first sergeant to include your last Army Physical Fitness Test score and a statement that you meet the height and weight requirements in accordance with AR 600-9, by July 17. Selectees will be notified no later than July 31. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Alan Moore DSN 656-4504 or (713) 806-4504.

Special Forces is looking for highly motivated soldiers -- specialist through sergeant first class and company grade officers — to apply for a new career in Special Operations. Briefings are held at Grant Library at 1 p.m.

# Sports & Leisure

## Athletics

The Falcon Wanderers Volksmarch Club of Colorado Springs will be sponsoring a 5km (3.1 miles) and 10km (6.2 miles) volksmarch (non-competitive walking) event on June 27.

The start/finish location for the volksmarch is the Ute Pass Cultural Center, 210 E. Midland, Woodland Park, Colo. Participants may start this event any time between 8:30 a.m. and noon. This event is free and open to the public.

All walk participants under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult and pets must be leashed. Strollers can complete both courses, with difficulty. Wheelchairs are not recommended.

For more information, call Curt Converse at 591-8193.

Ironhorse Fitness Center will hold a racquetball tournament July 7 to 11. The tournament is open to the Colorado Springs military community, active duty and family members over 16, retirees and Department of Defense civilians.

The double elimination tournament has no entry fee. Entry deadline is July 1. Categories are Men A/B/C, Women and Mixed Doubles. There will be awards for first and second places.

For more information, call Bill Reed at 526-2706.

Don Eddy basketball camps will be conducting a camp for both boys and girls, July 13 to 17 at Liberty High School, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Don Eddy basketball camps are nationally recognized for their expertise in the instruction of shooting and one-on-one offensive skills.

Students from age 8 to 18 are eligible to attend. For more information call or fax (210) 492-9779. You can also visit their web site at www.debb.com.

The Fort Carson Youth Services office is accepting applications for volunteer tennis coaches. For more information, contact Lamont Spencer at 526-3368.

The 1998 Garrison Golf League has begun and will be conducted on Monday afternoons at the Cheyenne Shadows Golf Course on post. All members of the Fort Carson community are invited to participate in the league and are encouraged to bring along friends and co-workers.

Tee times for the league start at 3:30 p.m. and run until 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact Russ Lee at 526-8346 or Capt. Jean Kobes at 526-9469.

The Cheyenne Shadows Golf Course office has announced the following fee changes effective immediately.

Category one: weekday $8; weekend/holiday, $10; Twilight, $5; 10 play, $60.

Category two: weekday $12; weekend/holiday, $14; Twilight, $9; 10 play, $100.

Category three: Department of Defense: weekday $14; weekend/holiday, $16; Twilight, $11; 10 play, $120.

Civilian: weekday $20; weekend/holiday, $22; Twilight, $14; 10 play, $180.

The twilight rate is only available after a designated time in the afternoon. Currently it is 6:30 p.m. but that will change as sunset time changes.

RIDEFINDERS will sponsor the 5th annual bike week program designed to promote the safe and fun use of bicycles for commuting and recreational purposes Saturday to June 28, according to the Colorado Springs office of public communications.

A free breakfast will be provided at the New South Wales restaurant for bike riders on Bike to Work Day, June 26, to promote bicycle commuting.

Reservations are required for this event and can be made by calling RIDEFINDERS at 471-7665.

The post soccer team is looking for anyone interested in trying out for the Colorado Springs Soccer Club 98 Invitational here July 17 to 19.

Soldiers interested in trying out for the team should contact Coach Ben Stancati at 574-1020 or 548-1970.

Cheyenne Shadows Golf course will host the Retiree Appreciation Days Golf Tournament June 26. Check in for the tournament and a putting contest will be from 7 to 8 a.m.

The entry fee for Cheyenne Shadows members is $20; for active duty and retired

# ‘Please don’t feed the animals’

Colorado Division of Wildlife

If you re ever tempted to treat wildlife to a taste of human food and snacks, the best advice is: don t.

Eating a diet rich in salty chips and sweets is not ideal nutrition for wildlife, said Dwayne Finch, district wildlife manager for the Canon City area. Wild animals can find appropriate food in the habitat around them. The full effect of eating processed human food is not known, but we are confident that animals have enough food and a good variety of food in their environment. Years of feeding the deer at the Royal Gorge has resulted in a group of animals that are underweight, in poor condition and generally beset with more maladies than deer that are not fed by people.

There are other convincing reasons to think twice before tossing a handful of corn chips to a wild animal. It s against the law. Several years ago, the Colorado Wildlife Commission passed CRS.016A, a statutory regulation that makes it clearly illegal to feed big game.

We ask people to do the right thing and not to feed wildlife, although we know the appeal of interacting with a wild animal is very strong, said Finch. It s a safety and welfare issue for both animals and people. It s hard to believe that beautiful, inquisitive creatures could be dangerous to humans, but all wildlife is unpredictable. People who get too near wildlife can be bit, gored, butted, kicked or exposed to disease.

When wild animals cluster at sites where there is artificial feeding, the possibility of animals spreading disease increases significantly.

Also, the wildlife feeding at the Royal Gorge, on Mount Evans or other popular tourist sites tends to encourage animals to move toward the road, Finch said. That means a greater chance of animals being hit by cars.

To combat the feeding, signs have been placed at several popular wildlife viewing spots in Colorado. In addition to the signs, trained volunteers from local communities donate their time to educate people on how to ethically view wildlife and discourage feeding by humans.

The volunteers are doing a great job spreading the message about the problems with feeding wildlife.

According to Finch it is not uncommon for animals accustomed to accepting human handouts to ingest plastic, aluminum foil and wrappers that can become lodged in the animal s digestive system causing illness and even death.

While some people say they like to feed wildlife, few will say they enjoy watching wildlife being fed by others.

We found that many of the complaints we get are from recreationists and photographers who said they feel that seeing other people feeding wildlife ruins the experience for them, Finch said. They want to see wild animals in a natural setting, not have a photo of someone handing out food.

In previous surveys done on outdoor user groups, 40 percent of those surveyed said they enjoyed feeding wildlife.

We re still educating first-time visitors that feeding could be detrimental to the animal s heath, Finch said, and it is illegal.

Although most people stop feeding wildlife after seeing signs and reading literature, blatant violators will be ticketed for continuing to feed wildlife, Finch said.

Photo by Pfc. Socorro A. Spooner

# Pet of the

## Only, Lonely Kitten

**This 1 month-old male domestic short hair cat is currently available for adoption at the Fort Carson Veterinary Treatment Facility. Pets up for adoption are vaccinated and neutered. The treatment facility provides routine preventive medicine and minor sick call services to pets owned by active-duty and retired military members. Normal hours of operation for the clinic are Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Clinics are held every Monday, Wednesday and Friday with animals being seen by appointment only. To reduce the risk of child injury in exam rooms and to increase the attentiveness of pet owners during the examination process, the facility discourages pet owners from bringing children under 10 years of age. People interested in adopting a pet can call 526-4354. For an appointment, call 526-3803.**